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Re: Filing Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.312
Appl. No.: 10/817,431
Filed: April 5, 2004
Title: **Process for the Production of
L-Amino Acids Using Strains of
the Enterobacteriaceae Family**
Inventor(s): Rieping, *et al.*
Our Ref: 7909/84003

Dear Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Amendment Under 37 CFR §312; and
2. Return postcard.

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Sir:

Prior to the payment of the Issue Fee for the above-captioned application, Applicants are requesting that the amendments described herein be entered.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the present document.

Remarks begin on page 9 of the present document.